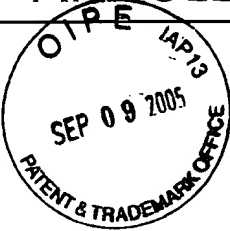


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Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form SB/30;
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Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that fees in the amount of \$910 (\$790 for filing a Request for Continued Examination and \$120 for a one-month extension of time) be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.254.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those submitted herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16517.254. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Holsten".

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